

**ABSTRACT**

[1204] Techniques to partition and allocate the available system resources among cells in a communication system, and to allocate the resources in each cell to terminals for data transmission on the uplink. In one aspect, adaptive reuse schemes are provided wherein the available system resources may be dynamically and/or adaptively partitioned and allocated to the cells based on a number of factors such as the observed interference levels, loading conditions, system requirements, and so on. A reuse plan is initially defined and may be redefined to reflect changes in the system. In another aspect, the system resources may be partitioned such that each cell is allocated a set of channels having different performance levels. In yet another aspect, terminals in each cell are scheduled for data transmission (e.g., based on their priority or load requirements) and assigned channels based on their tolerance to interference and the channels' performance.

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